

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The telephone calls and e-mails Wednesday and Thursday of last week from our Washington folks were sweet music to our ears! Not only were they regrouping and talking of restoring our badly needed levee money, the hints grew stronger and stronger that the project was going to be fully funded! Then, shortly after lunch on Thursday, we had the written word from the fax machine that Senator Shelby had indeed secured full Senate approval for the total federal share of the money needed to restore and strengthen both the Elba and Geneva levees. Not only that, but Alabama Governor Don Siegelman had gotten into the act and committed to Senator Shelby on Wednesday afternoon that he would find the necessary 35% match money for both projects.

Hopefully the money bill will pass the House of Representatives (we have heard of no problems, as they overwhelmingly overrode the Presidential veto on the original bill) and the President puts his signature on the bottom line. Then the Corps can get to work at full speed. We have a verbal commitment from our Corps contact that they can put multiple contractors on the project if necessary to get it done. Then the pressure gets back on city hall and the city attorney to complete the property transfers necessary to construct the levee. The reality of what Elba is possibly facing without the stronger levee should be enough motivation to move this along at a very fast clip.

It sounds like repetition (and it is) but things are looking up for Elba. Of course the levee is on everyone's mind... then the new post office will be under construction real soon... the four-laning of U. S. 84 should get started after the first of the year... we continue to be industrial prospect nibbles... hotter than others... the city's new spec building is under construction and Mayor James Grimes has met with a prospect for the building... our Alabama legislative delegation is working to get a retaining class for laid-off workers started in Elba, and the prospects of this also look good... Mayor Grimes is hot on the trail of funding to do some major work on the airport runway... and the list goes on and on... the major sewer expansion is nearing completion... the major drainage pipe project in downtown Elba has gotten additional funding and will now cover more of the area. All this change (and for the better) should have a positive impact on the entire community and strengthen the upbeat mental outlook of everyone in the area.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 9, 2000, investigated the following incidents: three criminal misdeeds, two thefts of property, one hit and run, one possession of marijuana, one forgery, one assault, two harassments, one illegal breaking and entering of a vehicle, one public intoxication, and one burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, two for harassment, one for assault, one for public intoxication, and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for driver's license not in possession, two for no insurance, ten for speeding, one for an expired tag, one for speeding on child restraint law, one for driving with a learner's permit only, and two for violation of the seat belt law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a house fire on Smith Avenue (11:22 a.m.). River stage - 2.30 (6:31 a.m.). Possible burglary reported at Elba Glass (7:28 a.m.). Minor wreck reported in Dollar General's parking lot (11:57 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Co. Rd. 105 (1:31 p.m.). Alarm at a residence on Neil Grantham Drive (2:30 p.m.). Fire department dispatched to a house fire on Co. Rd. 355 (6:10 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - River stage - 2.20 (6:28 a.m.). Fire department dispatched to a mobile home fire on AL Hwy. 875 (11:17 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a mobile home fire on AL Hwy. 875 (11:21 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - Alarm at a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (11:18 a.m.). River stage - 2.15 (6:33 a.m.). Wreck reported on Reese Avenue (9:09 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Reese Avenue (9:09 a.m.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 - River stage - 2.12 (6:30 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Roosevelt Drive (8:26 p.m.). Routine activity.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 - Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (1:01 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W (1:01 a.m.).

FAX SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE ELBA CLIPPER

BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Court House 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon. Meeting @ Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA MINISTERS ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 8 p.m. City Hall.
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• GRIFF SUPPORT GROUP - 1st & 3rd Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggaret Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brook-wood.
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 8:30 p.m. - Senior Office.
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 8:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOKERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brook-wood @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House.
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday p.m. - Elba Airport. Driscoll hangar.
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 9, 2000 through October 15, 2000. They were: Lena Brundidge, Fannie Brooks, Rebecca Waddall, Charles Davis, Michael Nelson, Leon Miller, Kenneth Creel, Charles Driggers, Trudie Jackson, Mary Senn, Daniel Cooper, and June White.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Coffee County Schools Menu Oct. 23 - 27, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Grits, Fruit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Cereal, Milk, Juice
Wednesday - Chicken & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Hot Fruit Pastry, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Corn Dogs, Rib-B-Q Sandwich, French Fries, Creamed Corn, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk
Tuesday - Herb Baked Chicken, Sausage Pizza, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Chili w/ Beans, Fish Sandwich, Onion Rings, Cole Slaw, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Butterbeans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Steak, Nuggets, Grilled Chicken, Chili Mixed Vegetables, Breaded Squash, Rolls, Fruit, Milk

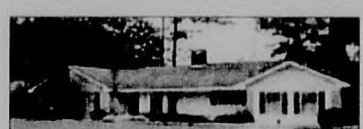
CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME REMAIN ANNOYOUS

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New Listing • 2400+ sq. ft. home on 6 ACs, 3000 SF, fenced yard, heated & cooled garage, detached office Bldg, Barn/shop, 5 miles S. of Elba, County Rd. 410.
\$129,900



Beautiful Country Home w/ Pond View on 6 ACs, 3000 SF, fenced yard, heated & cooled garage, detached office Bldg, Barn/shop, 5 miles S. of Elba, County Rd. 410.
\$174,900



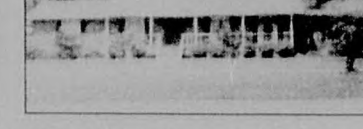
New Listing • 907 Flourop, 3 or 4 BR, 2 Baths + Fireplace.
\$94,900



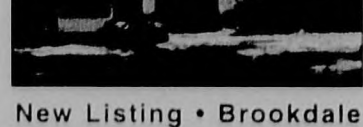
New Listing • 1035 N. Claxton Ave. • Brick, ranch style home in prime location, near hospital.
\$68,900



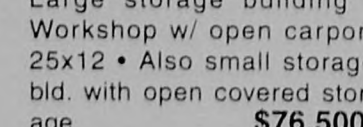
New Listing • Beautiful, quality home on Highland Dr., 2500 Sq. Ft., 3 BR, 3 Baths + Wood floors, Privacy fence + Security system.
\$140,000



New Listing • Brantley Hwy. • Inside City Limits, 13 Acres +/- and Brick Home 1564 S.F.
\$58,900



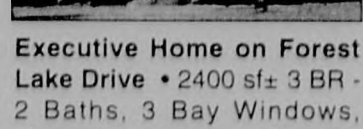
New Listing • Brookdale Subdivision • 3BR Brick Home • Nice Lot.
\$43,500



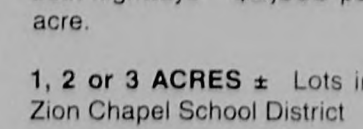
Dr. Roberts Drive • 2,000 SF-3 BR, 2 Bath Brick Home - Completely remodeled on 3/4 AC +/-.
\$89,900



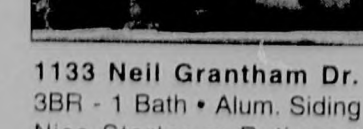
40 ACRES +/- - Between Hwy 87 and 189 - Frontage on both highways - \$2,000 per acre.



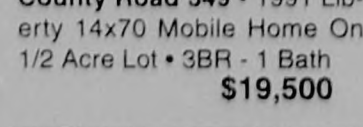
Executive Home on Forest Lake Drive • 2400 sq. ft. 3 BR - 2 Baths, 3 Bay Windows, Covered Deck, Double Garage.
\$159,900



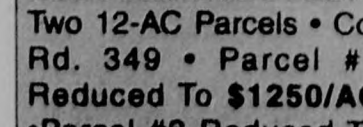
1, 2 or 3 ACRES +/- Lots in Zion Chapel School District.



1133 Neil Grantham Dr. • 3BR - 1 Bath • Alum. Siding • Nice Starter or Retirement Home.
\$34,900



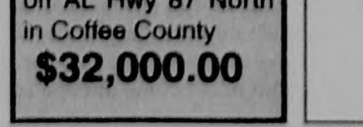
County Road 349 • 1991 Liberty 14x70 Mobile Home On 1/2 Acre Lot • 3BR - 1 Bath.
\$19,500



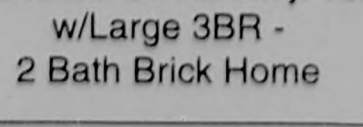
Reduced! Reduced! 20-12-AC Parcels • Co. Rd. 349 • Parcel #1 Reduced To \$1250/AC • Parcel #2 Reduced To \$1200/AC.



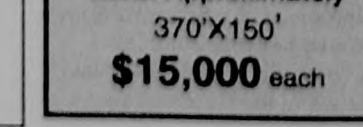
Saddle Hill Community • 1059 Acres w/ 2792 Sq. Ft. Home • Partially Renovate • Double Wide Mobile Home.



14 AC +/- Wooded & Pature with 2 AC +/- pond • Perfect site for a cabin • Located just off AL Hwy 87 North in Coffee County.
\$32,000.00



18 AC +/- Commercial Property • Located On AL Hwy. 166 w/ Large 3BR - 2 Bath Brick Home.



New Listing 2 Building Lots On Taylor Mill Rd., Past County Lake, Approximately 370'x150'.
\$15,000 each

1998 Palm Harbor Mobile Home • 16 ft. x 80 ft. • Located on 1.39 AC +/- • 3 Bedrooms and 2 Baths
\$39,900

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Both presidential candidates are largely ignoring the word of God in their campaigns. By this they are saying they know more than God and all his divine wisdom and creativity, but we know for sure which party and which candidate along with the U.S. Supreme Court approves of the murder of millions of unborn babies each year. (Under the guise of a woman's right to choose.) No woman can choose (unless it is a very rare case of a mother and her baby's life being in extreme danger) to violate God's laws and allow her baby or anyone else's baby, born or unborn to be murdered. They are all precious and loved by our heavenly father. One of the most important of God's laws is the Ten Commandments, given to Moses during his personal encounter with God: "Thou shalt not kill." A born again Christian will not vote for a presidential candidate who approves of killing babies and a homosexual lifestyle. (Sins in God's holy word The Bible.)

You are saying "but there are other important issues in this campaign." I agree, but with a few changes in these less important issues, both candidates have come up with some good ideas for the future of our nation.

God forbid that we continue on the road to moral decay. What good would there be with a good economy, full employment, and high standard of living, if our nation were overcome with lawlessness and worldly pleasures?

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:16

Sincerely,
Fred Wood
Kinston, AL.

Dear Editor:

What is binding arbitration? Arbitration steals your right to a trial by jury. The laws case that I have personal knowledge of - the Arbitrators' fees were \$4828.85 plus administrative fees and expense, in the amount of \$154.52, bringing the total owing to the American Arbitration Association to \$5983.37.

Small business people and low income people cannot afford this kind of cost. Ask your state to join the Alabama Supreme Court and Alabama Civil Court of Appeals where he or she stands on this issue.

Vote Democrat and be assured of a trial by jury.

Sincerely,
Sam Armstrong Jr.
Samson, AL 36477
334-898-9105 (H)
334-464-0036 (Cell)

From The House.....

by Congressman Terry Everett

Congressman Terry Everett announced recently the passage of federal agricultural disaster relief for Alabama farmers, who're currently suffering through one of the worst drought years in recent decades.

"I'm pleased to announce the approval of \$2.5 billion in disaster assistance to farmers for the 2000 crop year," Congressman Everett said. "The just-passed Agriculture Appropriations Act Conference Report of 2001 (HR 4461) contains assistance for farmers who've experienced losses during the 2000 crop year which involve 35 percent or more of their production," Everett added.

"In addition to assistance for substantial crop losses, the bill also provides assistance to farmers," Everett added. "To avoid a repeat this year, Congress has given the Secretary of Agriculture the ability to pay farmers' claims quickly after they are filed, instead of waiting until all producers have filed, as they did last year."

"I have also received assurances from Secretary Glickman that USDA will work hard to avoid any recurrence of delays in issuing assistance to our farmers due to bureaucratic red tape in his agency."

The 2001 Agriculture Appropriations Act now proceed to the U. S. Senate for a final vote before reaching the President's desk.

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There are three individuals running for Representative, 2nd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. They are: Charles Woods (Democrat), Wallace B. McGahan (Libertarian) and Terry Everett (Republican).

Finally, for President and Vice President of the United States, there are seven pairs of names. They are: Al Gore and Joe Lieberman (Democrats); Harry Browne and Art Oliver (Libertarians); George W. Bush and Dick Cheney (Republicans); Pat Buchanan and Ezola Foster (Independents); John Hagelin and Nat Goldhaber (Independents); Ralph Nader and Winona LaDuke (Independents); and Howard Phillips and L. Curtis Frazier (Republican).

In addition to the candidates for public office, there are fourteen proposed amendments to the Constitution of Alabama to be voted on by the people. They can be read in detail as they are presently being published in *The Elba Clipper*.

Running for president of the Alabama Public Service Commission are Matthew A. Givens (Libertarian) and Jim Sullivan (Republican).

Seeking judgeships on the Court of Criminal Appeals are: Place One - James H. "Jimmy" Fry (Democrat) and Greg Shaw (Republican); Place Two - Aubrey Ford (Democrat) and Kelli White (Republican); Place Three - Sue Bell Cobb (Democrat) and Alice Martin (Republican).

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Health Dept. to conduct Flu Clinics

The Coffee County Health Dept. will be conducting flu clinics on Friday, Oct. 27, and Friday, Nov. 3, from 8 - 11, and 1 - 3:30. Flu shots will be given on these days only.

According to health department officials, a limited amount of vaccine was received this year, and therefore, only those at high risk will receive the vaccine.

These include persons 65 years of age and older; adults and children with chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems; adults and children with chronic metabolic disease, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression; persons with HIV; children and teenagers who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy; medical personnel; providers of home care to persons at risk; and household members of persons in high-risk groups.

Influenza vaccination of all others should be deferred until news of additional doses is received by the health department.

Any person under the age of 18 who needs to receive a flu shot will be required to have a doctor's prescription.

Anyone who has Medicare should bring their Medicare card; otherwise cost of the flu shot will be \$5.00.

MARRY "LADY" ALVIE CARLIE

Mrs. Mary "Lady" Alvie Carlisle, age 98, of Rt. 5 Box 171, Elba, Ala., died Oct. 9, 2000 at Wesley Manor.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2000 at Friendship Baptist Church in Bullock with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons: Alton Carlisle, Dothan, Chalmers Carlisle, Huntsville and James Carlisle, Brantley; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 2000, in Elba. He was born Jan. 7, 1905, in Enterprise, and attended Elba Public Schools.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2000, at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Elba, with Rev. Darrell Caldwell officiating, and Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his father: Douglas Paul Edwards; mother: Alice Merle Edwards; step-father: Alice Merle Edwards; step-mother: Alice Merle Edwards; step-brother: Douglas Tyson, three sisters: Sherika Lindsey, Shargunus Edwards, Mercedes Edwards, all of Elba; grandparents: John L. (Cherie) Edwards Jr., Jetty (Mary Nell) McMillian,

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LIFESTYLES

Mrs. Taylor honored with tea by library board members

Mrs. Doris Taylor, retiring director at the Elba Public Library, was honored with a tea by library board members at the library on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Mrs. Taylor was recognized for her 54 years of dedicated service which began in 1946 as a volunteer, then as librarian, and, since 1988, as director.

"I have watched the library grow from a few books, shelved in a small room in the back of the city hall building, to thousands of books in one of Elba's most beautiful buildings located on the square," Mrs. Taylor said.

"The library has experienced two devastating floods in the last decade," said a representative of the library, "and survival was due in part to Mrs. Taylor's efforts. Her love for her work was evident in her long hours of labor that went far beyond the call of duty."



Mrs. Doris Taylor

Zion Chapel Baptist Church plans Homecoming for October 22

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming on Oct. 22. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ben Ambling. A covered dish lunch will follow the morning worship service, and there will be a singing after lunch featuring "Higher Call" of Dothan.



A LUNCHEON HONORING the bridesmaids for the wedding of Marsha Tillis and Jason Farris was held Aug. 25, 2000 at The Columns Bed and Breakfast.

Special persons attending the event were grandmothers of the bride and groom. Pictured above left to right: Mrs. Doris Tillis and Mrs. Ivey Grantham, grandmothers of the bride; Mrs. Tillis, Ms. Jessie L. Donaldson and Ms. Ollie B. Farris, grandmothers of the groom.

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Presented by: Lakeya Williams

GOD'S PROVISIONS FOR LOVE & MARRIAGE

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be ye not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2

Is it hard to live holy? All answers may vary upon situations, personal strengths, or goals. What is your excuse?

As Christian men and women of God, God holds us accountable for the way we live concerning our relationships as single and married individuals. The enemy is subtle in his approach to confuse our minds and beliefs about God's provisions for love and marriage. He may use our own imaginations to justify sin. It is not careful we will buy into the enemy's message that he is sending through the media—that it's okay to have sex outside of God's provisions. He gets us into through such things as television, radio, Internet, and magazines.

Why does God hate fornication, adultery, unnatural affection (homosexuality) and lust? Because when we, as Christians, commit these acts, we sin against ourselves, and we are also taking a chance with our lives.

Some Common Consequences of Sin: Hurt and Pain of Infidelity • Mr. 5:33-37

Infidelity is any form of unfaithfulness to a moral obligation and is a form of lying. Marriage is a moral obligation to God in which an institution is formed whereby a man and a woman are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family. God ordained and set provisions for marriage in Mt. 5:27-32 and 1 Cor. 7:1-16. To be unfaithful or unfulfilling to our obligations in marriage, family, personal relationships, or to God is an unfaithfulness. Unfaithfulness is a selfish act that causes hurt, pain and self-reproach. Not only does it destroy families, but it also destroys the covenant of protection that God has secured for the marriage when the vows were taken.

Diseases • For he who soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption.

When we step outside of God's provisions, we put ourselves at risk of getting AIDS and other STD's that can cause severe physical sickness and even death. God does not want us to die under such conditions or be sick, but when we commit sin, we bring these consequences on ourselves. We cannot afford to gamble with our lives.

Unwanted Pregnancy

Teen pregnancy is a serious problem and is one of the enemy's subtle weapons used as a setback for teenagers or young adults. Pregnancy out of the institution of marriage strips youth and young adults of their freedom and opportunities to move into their future. It limits and hinders them, in so many aspects of their lives.

For young adults and men and women who are unmarried, such issues as child support and a lack of commitment are serious problems. When we do these things, we bring judgment upon ourselves. Lack of Commitment Refer to 1 Peter 3:1-7.

The Word of God says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with an unbeliever." Many problems that exist in relationships come from a lack of spiritual unity between partners. We may marry for the wrong reasons, such as monetary gain, the coming of age, attractiveness, pregnancy, expectations, convenience, a false personal fulfillment. We should never allow worldly pressures to overcome us and cause us to make hasty decisions that are going to affect the rest of our lives.

When we fulfill our own lusts and make these unholy decisions, we may find ourselves in hopeless situations in which we may have a hard time getting our partners to commit themselves in all aspects of life. When there is no commitment to God, then everything else is subject to fall apart.

To marry for any reasons other than true love with the ordination of God is unholy and unacceptable. God has given us instructions in all areas of our lives to help us lead productive married and single lives. As men and women of God, we have every right to declare: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. This will affect our decisions as to how we allow the Lord to operate in our married or single lives, and it helps us to raise our standard. God will give us the power to stand firm on His Word and gives us the endurance to hold out until He makes His will clear to us.

Reputation • Refer to Romans 1:18 & 12:4-2

Our reputation or character affects our lives in a tremendous way. Things that are not normally accessible to us may become accessible if we have good reputations of trustworthiness, kindness, generosity, or intelligence. Our good reputations are what make our testimonies credible and may sometimes help people come to Christ because they like what they see.

As Christians, God expects us to set the standard for living by letting the world know that we have the power to live holy and blameless lives, not only before men, but before God.

According to the world, it is okay to live for the moment, even if it means consequences later, but Christians know that God sees it differently. To the world, it is hard to live holy because they are debtors to their flesh (Romans 8:12). Peer pressure in the areas of sex is very crucial to young people who may feel left out because "everybody else is doing it." But what the enemy fails to mention is that once the innocence or virginity is lost (1 Cor. 7:25-40) or we have engaged in a bad cycle of promiscuity, we defile ourselves. God does not want us to walk around with our heads hung in shame because of the decisions that we have made. But when we do these things, we bring judgment upon ourselves.

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LIFESTYLES

Williams - Jacobs wedding held Saturday, July 15th

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Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edward Jacobs of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. William Kieff Lambert, Jack, and the late Mr. Steve "Smiley" Williams of Sunflower, Ala.

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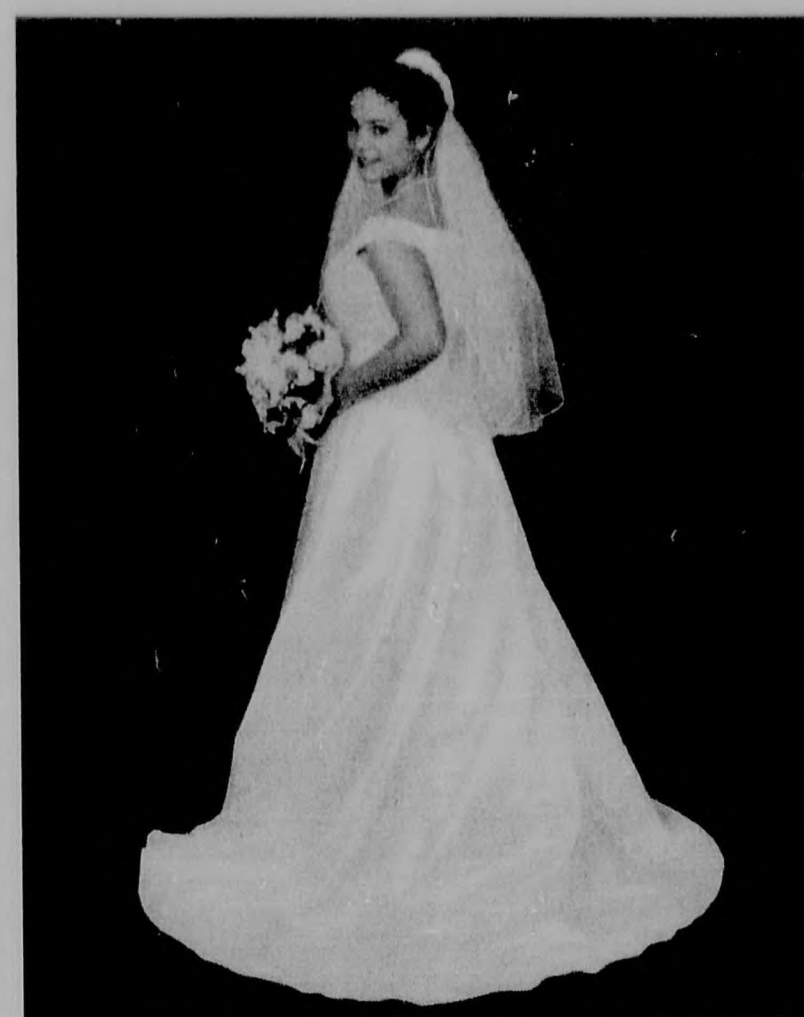
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Mrs. Steven Grady Williams

Lambert chose a coral dress with matching jacket. She wore a corsage of yellow sweetheart roses.

The focal area of the sanctuary featured a massive arrangement spanning the entire width of the sanctuary with white mountain lilies, white larkspur, Queen Anne lace, alstroemeria lilies, and 36-inch tapers and 15-inch pillar candles.

The choir loft also was decorated with assorted sizes of palms. The choir rail was draped with white tulle and held a matching arrangement in the center. Two single pillar candle stands were placed on each side of the choir loft with assorted greens.

A large arrangement of matching flowers holding 36-inch tapers and pillar candles was placed on the rails beside the piano and organ.

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Three In One Study Club holds monthly meeting

The Three in One Study Club held their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Kimmy Ham, with Mrs. Pauline Allen acting as hostess.

Mrs. Ham served a beautiful dessert course, and read a lovely story about flowers — "I asked for a flower, but I got a bundle."

Mrs. Ham also entertained the group with selections from her Sunday night repertoire at the First Baptist Church.

Routine business was conducted by Mrs. Addieleen Prescott, president.

Those in attendance were Mrs. Wilson Newman, Mrs. Milton Warr, Mrs. Harley Hasty, Mrs. Ed Hudson, Mrs. Donald Lee, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Pauline Allen, and guest, Mrs. Kimmy Ham.

Boyd English receives degree

Boyd K. English of New Brockton was among the 309 students of Auburn University Montgomery to receive degrees during the summer quarter commencement ceremony held Aug. 12.

Notice

A representative of Camp Skyline will be in Enterprise on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m., at the home of Leigh and Georgia Cassidy, 105 Fairway Drive. Parents and their daughters will see a slide show, enjoy snacks and door prizes will be given. For more information, call 347-9724 or Camp Skyline at 1-800-448-9279.

MaChis to meet October 22

A mandatory meeting for all members of the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will be held Oct. 22, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Tribal Office at 102 East McKinnon St., New Brockton (corner of S. John and E. McKinnon).

Purpose of the meeting is update on Farmer's lawsuit scheduled for trial on Oct. 31, lawsuit against Dept. of Labor.

Those who cannot attend are asked to call the Tribal Office at 334/894-6578.

America's Cover Miss and Cover Boy USA to return to area

America's Cover Miss® and Cover Boy®, USA will return to the area for the 17 annual Christmas Baby Contest and Beauty Pageant at the following locations: Nov. 17 at the Holiday Inn Troy; registration 6 p.m.; Nov. 19 at the Doug Tew Center in Dothan; registration at 1 p.m.; Dec. 3 at the Kiwanis Club in Andalusia; registration at 1 p.m.; and Dec. 10 at the Enterprise Civic Center; registration at 1 p.m. For information, call Ruth Barron at (800) 260-7239 for girls birth to 25 years and boys birth to 5 years.

Wiregrass Chapter Sons of American Revolution to meet

The Wiregrass Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution will meet Oct. 19 at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise, with chapter business to be the main agenda.

This will include appointment of a nominating committee for a November chapter election; finalizing plans for the Nov. 9 dedication in Ozark of a monument honoring four Revolutionary War veterans; and a brief report on an Oct. 28 board meeting of the Alabama Society, SAR.

Chapter meetings are open to all active and inactive members and their families, as well as area men having an interest in the 114-year-old patriotic organization.

Membership is open to all area men having a direct blood line to a Revolutionary War patriot and can document same.

For additional information contact John Ray Fuller at 347-4213, John Wallace, 347-0661, or chapter president Richard A. Kemp, 774-9965.



Miss Little & Mr. Barefoot

Miss Little and Mr. Barefoot to be united in marriage Saturday, October 28th

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Little of Andalusia announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Beth Little, to Randall Wade Barefoot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barefoot of Andalusia.

Randy is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Barefoot of Andalusia, and Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Kelley of Samson.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Andalusia High School and a 2000 graduate of Troy State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in social work. She is employed at the Mental Health Center in Andalusia and Greenville as a child case manager.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Straughn High School and is a timber crewman with a forest products company.

The wedding will be an event of

Oct. 28, 2000, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Oakley Ridge Baptist Church

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both of the Mularz girls rode in last week's Elba High homecoming parade, and while they both seemed to have good times, they might be a little less excited next year when dear old Dad gets the chance to ride in the parade with the honored "Class of 1971." Many years ago Melanie called the honored class float the "Senior Citizens" float; however, now that Dad will be on it next year, she had better come up with a much better name!

DIFFERENT LOOK, SAME OLD RESULTS FOR ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers showed a large crowd of homecoming faithful just what kind of season it has been last week as they failed to cash in on numerous scoring opportunities on offense and gave up big plays on defense to lose for the seventh straight time this season.

The Elba offense enjoyed without a doubt its best field position of the season as it started four possessions in W.S. Neal territory, and had its own 28-yardline as its worst starting position of the night. The Tigers had the ball first down at the W.S. Neal 9, 35, 37, 16 and 35-yardlines, but never scored a single point, and were shut out for the second time in three weeks. While the Tigers' failure to put points on the scoreboard wasn't anything new, the Tigers' offensive attack was something very different. In the opening quarter Elba ran the ball 9 times and passed once, while as the game went along the play-calling became more and more pass-oriented. The second quarter saw the Tigers run the ball 5 times and throw 10 passes, and in the second half the Elba offense went almost entirely to the air as the Tigers called 2 running plays and put the ball in the air 17 times. I know that a good passing attack is hard to stop in high school, but I also believe that a team has to be able to run the football to win. Maybe the coaches can keep the plays that work, throw out the plays that don't work, and come up with a game plan that includes both running and passing.

The Elba defense played well at times in last week's loss, but gave up big plays that led to all three W.S. Neal scores. In the first scoring drive the Tigers gave up two big pass completions on third and long that kept the drive alive, while the other two scores came on runs of 62 and 93 yards. No doubt those were big plays! On four of W.S. Neal's possessions, the Eagles punted after facing fourth down and 19, fourth down and 15, fourth down and 25 and fourth down and 18. The Elba defense played well for most of the game, it just allowed some big plays that resulted in another big loss.

One thing that probably went unnoticed to many in the homecoming loss was the play of senior linebacker Brandon Salter. Salter made 19 solo tackles, had 2 assists and 1 pass interception on defense, and played well to add a doubt the best game of his career with the Tigers. I am sure many other players fought their hearts out in the loss, but Salter had a game that will stand out for years to come in the rich history of Elba Tiger football.

BRANTLEY & ZION CHAPEL POST AREA WINS IN WEEK #7

The high school football season reached the seventh week of action last Friday night for teams in the area, with Brantley and Zion Chapel claiming wins, while Kinston and New Brockton both took it on the chin. Here's a quick look back....

*** **BRANTLEY (5-2)** had no problem at all in blasting the Florida Wildcats 49-14 to remain unbeaten in Class 1A, region 2. The Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 35-0 lead over Florida and let everyone in on the fun as they easily outmanned the "Cats." I know that the Bulldogs have had an easy time of it in recent weeks against their Region opponents, but at least they have had the chance to get some people healthy and work out the kinks before the playoffs start.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (4-3)** staged a furious second half to defeat the Alabama School for the Deaf 27-16 and push its record to 4-3 on the season. The Rebels have come a long way from last year's disastrous forfeit to New Brockton, and appear to be on their way to a winning season. I know the coaches up at Zion Chapel are a far way from being satisfied, but they have put the program back on solid ground and football now has a future, once again.

*** **KINSTON (3-4)** simply didn't have enough horses to stay in the race with the G.W. Long Rebels and took it on the chin 41-14. The Bulldogs have always had trouble keeping up with teams that were blessed with speed, and Friday night was just another example. Kinston has one of its best coached teams in years, simply because the coaches maximize the things the Bulldogs do best, and if the Bulldogs can play ball control and keep the clock running against their opponents that might be more talented, they will always have a shot at winning.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (0-7)** lost to Houston Academy 28-14, but once again showed signs of improvement, and that is the key for this team and the future of the football program over at New Brockton. Everyone knew before the season started that it was going to be a down year for the Gamecocks, and while many hoped it wouldn't be quite so far down, they all knew that the wins would be hard to find. Forget the record, this bunch has fought hard every time it has taken the field, and their day will come, maybe sooner than most think.

WIN-LOSS RECORD NO IMPACT ON LACK OF COVERAGE

I would like to apologize to all the players, students and fans of the New Brockton Gamecock football team for the lack of game coverage of this year's team. I try to find sports reporters to cover all the area teams before the football season starts, and thought we were in good shape this season at all schools. However, for some reason, the person designated to cover New Brockton has not brought in a story for the past couple of weeks and all efforts to get coverage have hit dead-ends. The young man had done a good job with us in years past, but something obviously has happened this season, and trust me when I say that we are working hard to get the final games covered. We are proud of the New Brockton Gamecocks and proud to support them in all sports with detailed coverage of their games. This year has just been a nightmare to us, also, but we think we have our problem solved with a new sports writer for the New Brockton games!

QUICK KICKS...

*** The Elba Junior High Tigers closed out their football season last week with a final record of 2-4, and while a 2-4 record is certainly not one to write home about, it was a better season than the record might indicate. The Junior Tigers lost twice to undefeated Pike County, once to undefeated Straughn and later avenged an early-season loss to Opp. The future of the Elba Tiger football program will be determined by the lessons learned by the younger players even in the junior high ranks, and all their years they learned their lessons well, even if they didn't make an A on all their tests.

*** The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team has stumbled in recent weeks and appears to only have an outside shot at making the post-season party. The team did get hot a few weeks back and started a winning streak, but didn't even play last week, and has nothing but tough opponents left on its schedule. As a parent of one of the players, it is disappointing to see the lack of support the sport gets from other parents and students.

*** The youth soccer league in Elba had a busy morning of action Saturday, and I even got up early and attempted to officiate three of the games. I got on the internet the week before and found "Soccer rules for beginners," and while one of the coaches didn't exactly agree with one of my calls, I thought I did a pretty good job. The hardest part for me wasn't the lack of knowledge of the rules, it was trying to keep up with the players as they raced up and down the field. Believe me, the players in soccer have to be in shape, no matter what their age is.

*** One daily paper called Auburn's trip to Gainesville as the "Romp in

the Swamp," and while Auburn wasn't the first team that had ever gotten ambushed down in Florida, it was a real shot of reality for the Tiger fans that thought this year's team was much better than it really was. Auburn had played well early on and even pulled an upset over Ole Miss, but two wins over outclassed opponents gave some of the Auburn faithful a false sense of security. Auburn will still win some more games this season, but the way the Tigers played against Mississippi State and Florida is a much clearer indication of the true caliber of this year's team than the other early-season wins.

*** Alabama made it look easy with its lopsided win over Ole Miss, and while the folks up in Tuscaloosa have finally buried the hatchet and are working together again. It was obvious a few weeks ago that the Tide's poor start had coaches and players pointing fingers at each other, and the fans and critics pointing fingers at Mike Dabow. The wins have quieted some of the shouting, but the Tide still has some mighty tough road games ahead, and things could get loud again before the season ends.

*** The annual homecoming bonfire was held behind Miller Stadium last Thursday night, and before the annual event got started the Elba Marching Tiger Band practiced on the field. It was so great to see the lights on the band playing and all the people at the stadium as they waited for the bonfire to begin, and more than a few folks made the statement "This is how it used to be, and how it should be!" All of us in Elba should be proud of the new school and the new football stadium. However, why can't we at the same time still be proud of the many great wins and games that were played at the "old field?" It seems like once the new stadium was built there was a hurry to bury the old field, and the tradition of Elba Tiger football that took place for so many years down by the levee. Miller Stadium is now, and always will be, a source of pride for Elba, and I just hope that one day the two stadiums can co-exist and be used together to help rekindle the pride that was once so evident among Elba High students.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and said that he will get the chance to watch some other teams play football for a change once the playoffs get started in just three weeks. He made it clear that he has been to every Elba game and has plans to stick it out until the end, but then he will become a free agent and can go watch other teams fight for a state title. Oh yeah, he did mention that last week he hit on 29 of 34 picks, and in doing so moved his yearly totals to 179-33. Not bad for a local guesser!

ELBA VS. WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Tigers got shut out for the second time in three weeks in last week's 24-0 loss to W.S. Neal, while the defense continued to surrender big plays, and lots of points. This week the Tigers will be a long way from home with very few friends on their side of the field, and will face a team that scored 44 points in the second half against Straughn, and also put 44 points on the scoreboard against the same W.S. Neal defense that blanked Elba. What else can I say?

WASHINGTON COUNTY 40 ELBA 14

BRANTLEY VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Brantley Bulldogs have already wrapped up a spot in the upcoming

Elba heads to Washington County

No rest for the weary in week #8 prep action

The high school football season continues to heat into the home stretch this week for area teams, and for the Elba Tigers the 8th week of the season will bring with it a long road trip to Chatham, as the Tigers battle the high-powered Bulldogs from Washington County.

In other action, the Kinston Bulldogs will be at home to host Northview (H.I.) Brantley will host Zion Chapel, and New Brockton will travel to Slocomb.

Following are previews of this week's area games:

ELBA (0-7) AT WASHINGTON COUNTY (5-2)

The Elba Tigers will be looking to snap their season long losing streak Friday night, but will have to do it a long way from home, and against a very talented opponent, when the Tigers travel to Chatham to meet the Washington County Bulldogs.

Elba saw its record slip to 0-7 last week with a 24-0 homecoming loss to W.S. Neal, and will have to solve many problems on both sides of the football to have any chance at winning this week against the (5-2) Bulldogs.

The Elba offense, which averaged over 14 points a game in the opening three games of the season, was shut out for the second time in three weeks against W.S. Neal, and has now scored only three touchdowns in its last four games. The

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playoffs, while the Zion Chapel Rebels are still fighting hard to earn a spot in the post-season party. The Rebels do have a few offensive weapons that could result in points, but the Elba defense has way too much ammunition to let the Rebels escape with a win.

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KINSTON VS. NORTHVIEW

The Bulldogs saw their record slip under the .500 mark last week with a big loss at Skipperville, and this week will try to slow down a Northview Chiefs team that scores points in bunches. If Kinston can slow things down and play its game it could pull off the win. If not, the Chiefs may light things up!

NORTHVIEW 27 KINSTON 17

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

Two teams without a win will meet this week down in tomato country and you can bet that both teams will play their hearts out to put a win on their side of the ledger. The Gamecocks have been improving each week and could get the win, but the Red Tops have also been getting better and are at home. That could make the difference.

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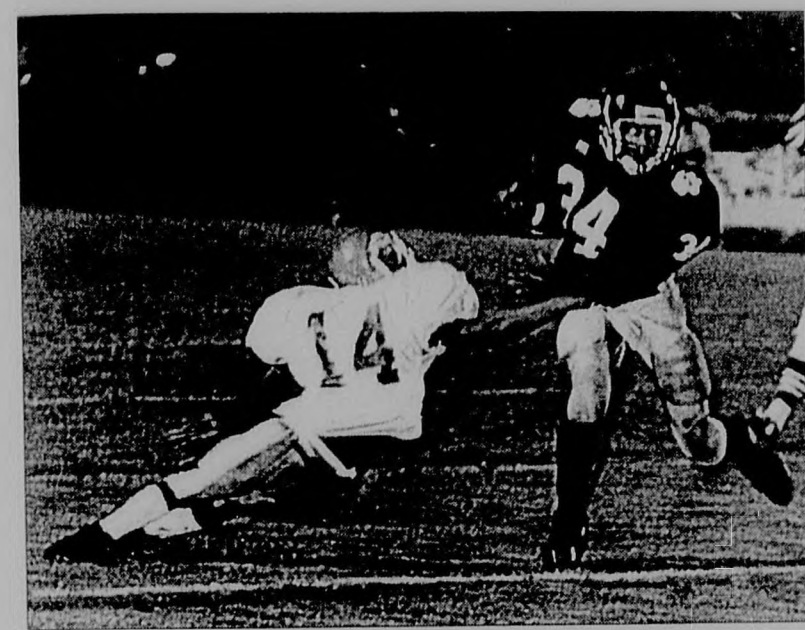
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SENIOR CAPTAINS...for the Elba Tigers at last week's homecoming game were (l-r) Brandon Salter (13), Alan Head (20), Chris Turner (89), Carson Waters (78) and Brian Brunson (68).



Elba's Michael Sams (34) eludes a would-be W.S. Neal tackler in last week's 24-0 homecoming loss to the Eagles.



FORMER ELBA TIGER CHEERLEADERS...went on the sidelines in the second half to cheer the Tigers on. Former cheerleaders pictured above include (l-r) Christie Williams, Henrietta Grimes and Anna Head.



NOW THAT THOSE BOYS HAVE GONE...young Elba Tiger fans talk about the game, and other things, during homecoming last week.

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ELBA MARCHING TIGERS...members of the Marching Tiger danceline performed at halftime Friday night in front of a large homecoming crowd. Pictured above are (l-r) Chelsea Cooper, Katie Crowe and Valice Moore.

See record slip to 0-7

Tigers blanked 24-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers filled the air with footballs-Friday night in an attempt to impress the alumni and pull off a big homecoming win, but the W.S. Neal Eagles stuck to the ground and found the path to the endzone much easier to follow as they rolled up over 250 yards rushing and handed the Tigers a 24-0 defeat.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-7 record, 0-3 in Region 1 action, while W.S. Neal upped its slate to 3-4, 2-2 in Region 1 play.

Elba failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the game; however, W.S. Neal was ready to put points on the scoreboard on its first offensive series, and did just that, as the Eagles marched 78 yards in 11 plays to grab the early lead.

Two key plays in the scoring drive came on third down, as the Eagles twice converted on third and long to keep the drive alive. The first big play came on third down and 7 at the Neal 25-yardline, when Nick Benjamin hooked up with Shawn Jett for a 26-yard pass completion, while the second big play of the march came on third down and 9 at the Elba 48-yardline, when Benjamin again went to the air and this time hit a leaping Marcus Folmer for a 25-yard completion.

The W.S. Neal touchdown came on a 1-yard plunge by Shawn Jett, while Nick Benjamin passed to Tim Woods for the two-point conversion, and with 4:55 remaining in the first quarter W.S. Neal was on top of the Tigers 8-0.

Elba's offense showed it too could move the football on its ensuing possession, as the Tigers marched 61 yards in 12 plays to reach a fourth down and 4 at the W.S. Neal 4-yardline. A key play early in the drive was a roughing the kicker penalty that gave the Tigers a first down at the W.S. Neal 46-yardline, while Michael Sams and Josh Moultry both ripped off runs of 10 yards to give the Tigers a first down at the Eagle 26.

A 10-yard screen pass from Brandon Petty to Marcus Henderson on fourth down and 4 at the Neal 21-yardline kept the Tiger scoring threat alive. However, the Tigers came away empty-handed when on fourth down Chris Turner's 21-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide left.

Elba enjoyed excellent field-position on its next two possessions, but was forced to punt after moving to a first down at the Neal 35-yardline, and then fumbled away its next opportunity at the Neal 36.

W.S. Neal recovered the Tiger fumble at its 35-yardline, and needed only two plays to add to its lead, as on the Eagles' second play of the series Dewayne Robinson took a handoff, reached the sidelines and raced 62 yards for a touchdown. Nick Benjamin ran in the two-point conversion, as W.S. Neal upped its lead to 16-0 with 2:45 remaining in the half.

Elba quickly moved to the Neal 37-yardline on its ensuing possession after a 23-yard pass completion from Brandon Petty to Marcus Henderson, but the next four Tiger losses hit the ground, and at halftime W.S. Neal went in with a 16-0 advantage.

Elba nailed the Eagles down deep in their own territory early in the third quarter after a 41-yard punt by Brandon Salter was downed at the W.S. Neal 7-yardline. The Eagles faced the third down and 10 after two plays, but once again made the most of the third down situation as Marcus Folmer took a handoff, outran an Elba defender to the sidelines, and took off on a 93-yard touchdown sprint. Benjamin passed to Woods for the two-point conversion, and with 6:20 left in the third quarter W.S. Neal was celebrating with a 24-0 lead.

The Tigers failed to move on their next possession, but did reach the W.S. Neal 16-yardline late in the third quarter after a 56-yard pass completion from Petty to Henderson. The Tigers failed to get any closer to the endzone, however, as the next three passes fell incomplete, and on fourth down fullback Brandon Salter was sacked for a 7-yard loss while dropping back to try a pass back to the quarterback.

Elba moved to a first down at the W.S. Neal 35-yardline on its first possession of the fourth quarter, with the big play in the drive being a flea-flicker that resulted in a 22-yard gain. The trickery occurred when Brandon Petty hit Marcus Henderson with a short 4-yard pass completion, and Henderson then tossed the ball back to Michael Sams, who rambled 18 yards down the sidelines.

The Tiger scoring opportunity went by the boards when the next two passes fell incomplete, and on third down Petty was sacked for a 14-yard loss, which led to a Tiger punt from near midfield.

The Tigers, which passed the football 16 times in the second half, continued to keep the football in the air in the closing minutes of the game, but failed to get on the scoreboard, as W.S. Neal left the field with the 24-0 win.

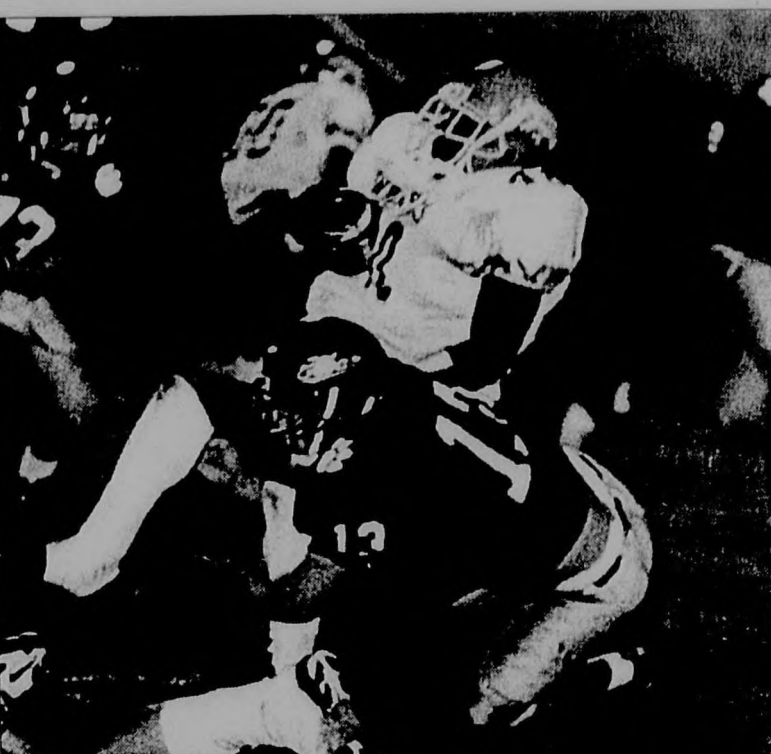
Michael Sams gained 42 yards on 8 carries to lead the Elba ground game, while Brandon Petty hit on 8 of 25 passes, with 2 interceptions, for 118 yards. Marcus Henderson led the Tiger receivers with 5 catches for 102 yards.

The Elba defense was led by linebacker Brandon Salter with 19 tackles, 2 assists and 1 pass interception, while Michael Reed added 5 stops and 1 assist.

W.S. Neal was led on the ground by Marcus Folmer with 106 yards on 6 carries, while Dewayne Robinson added 81 yards on 8 carries and Doug Sims gained 59 yards on 12 totes.

STATISTICS

E	WSN
1st	9
Rushing Yds.	269
Passing Yds.	42
Total Offense	311
Passes	5-10-1
Fumbles/Lost	3-0
Punts-Avg.	6-26
Penalty Yds.	65



Elba's Brandon Salter (13) stops an Eagle runner for a short gain. Salter, a senior linebacker, made 19 solo tackles, 2 assists and had 1 pass interception in action last week.



Elba Tiger Marcus Henderson (8) tries to pull away from a W.S. Neal defender after pulling in a pass. Henderson, a sophomore tight-end, caught 5 passes for 102 yards in the homecoming game last week.



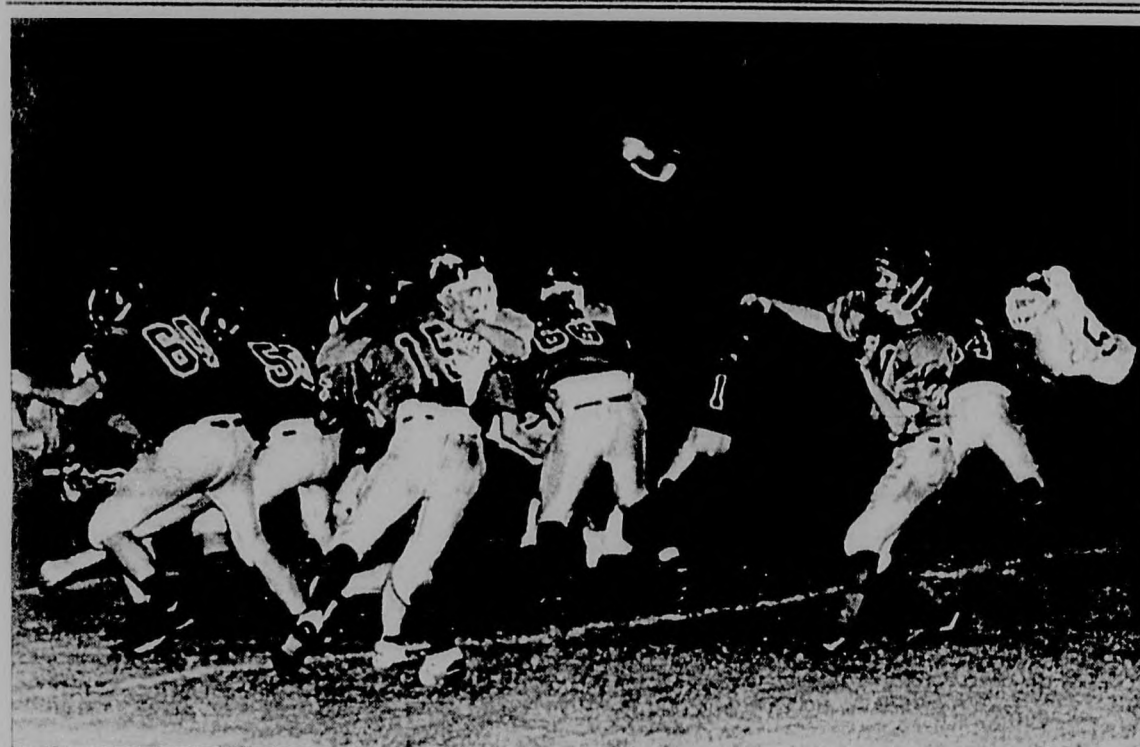
HEY GUYS, YOU MISSED ONE! Elba's Michael Sams (34) tries to follow two blockers, but finds his path blocked by a W.S. Neal defender. Blocking for Sams are Marcus Henderson (8) and Josh Moultry (30).

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Brantley's Greg Daniels (48) takes a Florida defender for a ride in last week's 49-14 Bulldog win. Daniels, a 250-pound fullback, gained 110 yards on 5 carries and scored one touchdown in the lopsided Brantley win.



Zion Chapel's Wesley Grant (11) passes downfield in the Rebels' 27-16 win last week over the Alabama School for the Deaf. Providing protection for Grant are Marcus Taylor (15), Chris Fuller (66), Eddie Sanders (64) and Blakely Helms (50).

Improve record to 4-3

Rebels tame Warriors 27-16

By Randy Winters, Sports Writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to erase an 8-7 halftime deficit and held on late to post an impressive 27-16 win over the Alabama School for the Deaf Silent Warriors, Friday night at Zion Chapel.

Zion Chapel struck first in the game as Adam Blake scored on a 9-yard dash. Marcus Taylor booted the extra-point, and with 7:59 remaining in the opening stanza the Rebels were on top 7-0.

The Silent Warriors were down, but not for long, as they took the ensuing kickoff and drove down the field to grab the lead. A 6-yard run and a two-point conversion stunned the Rebels, and gave Alabama

School for the Deaf an 8-7 lead with 5:25 still remaining in the first quarter.

The Silent Warriors were able to hold on to their lead until midway through the third quarter, when Josh Mehaffey bulled over from 1 yard out to put Zion Chapel back on top. The extra-point by Taylor was successful, and with 5:16 remaining in the third quarter Zion Chapel had regained the lead at 14-8.

The Rebels got the ball right back after a defensive stop and quickly added to their lead when Marcus Taylor broke loose and raced 39 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed; however, with 2:26 still left in the third quarter Zion Chapel was back in charge with a 20-8 advantage.

Taylor broke loose again early in the fourth quarter on a 16-yard scoring dash as the Rebels began to pull away, and after Taylor added the extra-point, Zion Chapel was in complete command with a 27-8 lead with only 10:30 left in the game.

Alabama School of the Deaf scored late in the game and added the two-point conversion, but it was way too little, way too late, as the Rebels easily held on to post the 27-16 win.

Josh Mehaffey gained 132 yards on 20 carries and Marcus Taylor added 76 yards on 12 carries to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Josh Carley led the Rebel defense with 10 solo tackles.

STATISTICS

ZZ	1st Downs	ASD
14	17	9
42-315	Rushes-Yds.	31-149
76	Passing Yds.	25
391	Total Offense	174
7:15-0	Passes	2-15-0
22	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
5-39	Penalties-Yds.	6-40
1-45	Punts-Ave.	5-38

WEEK #7 SCOREBOARD

Smiths Station 13	Dothan 7
Enterprise 22	Northview 0
Houston Co. 26	Geneva Co. 20
Dale County 28	Daleville 21
Geneva 41	Headland 0
Rehobeth 13	Ashtford 12
Samson 17	Wicksburg 10
Cottonwood 21	Slocomb 2
Andalusia 16	Thomasville 14
Ariton 42	Pleasant Home 22
Charles H. 28	Greenville 13
Laverne 20	Washington County 14
Pike County 46	Calhoun 12
Straight 20	Goshen 14
Hazlewood 33	Courtland 0
UMS-Wright 20	T.R. Miller 14
Clarke County 38	Opp 12
Highland Home 27	Red Level 12



Zion Chapel's Josh McWaters (21) pulls in a pass as two Silent Warrior defensive backs arrive. The Rebels will travel to Brantley this week to battle the Brantley Bulldogs in a key Class 1A, Region 2 showdown.

Remain unbeaten in Region 2 standings

Bulldogs wallop Wildcats 49-14

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Florida on Friday night and easily outdistanced the winless "Wildcats" 49-14, to remain undefeated in Class 1A, Region 2 competition.

The Bulldogs rolled up 35 unanswered points in the opening half to take a big lead, and then gave most of the starters the night off as Brantley improved its record to 5-2.

Darrell Owens wasted no time getting the Bulldogs on the scoreboard, as on Brantley's second snap, Owens went 47 yards around the left end for a touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point and with 10:13 still left in the first quarter Brantley was on its way with a quick 7-0 lead.

Owens struck again only moments later, this time on a 72-yard punt return, as the Bulldogs scored their second touchdown of the stanza without even needing to snap the football. Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 8:25 remaining in the opening quarter Brantley was on top 14-0.

Brantley's third touchdown of the quarter came when Todd Odum alertly pounced on a Bulldog fumble in the Florida endzone. The score capped a 5-play drive that covered 44 yards, and after the extra-point by Daniels, Brantley owned a 21-0 advantage with 4:15 remaining in the quarter.

The Bulldogs' Gregory Daniels carried the football three times for 70 yards on Brantley's next possession to lead the 'Dogs back into the endzone. Daniels hit on his fourth extra-point of the night, and with 1:12 left in the first quarter Brantley was ahead 28-0.

Brantley's next score came on a 5-play, 92-yard drive, with Darrell Owens getting the touchdown on a 42-yard dash after taking the pitch on an option. Gregory Daniels was on target with his fifth extra-point of the half, as the Bulldogs were in complete command with a 35-0



Brantley assistant coach Ashley Kilcrease gives instructions to Bulldog flanker Andy Carr (16).

advantage with 8:06 remaining in the second quarter.

Florida got on the scoreboard with 4:42 remaining in the third quarter on a 15-yard scamper by Matt Geohagan, but the extra-point try was blocked, as Brantley remained in command with a 35-6 lead.

Brantley marched right back down the field following the Wildcat touchdown and needed 9 plays to cover the 65 yards into the endzone. The score came on a 20-yard gallop by Chauncey Burnett, while Rodney Wiley added the extra-point, as the Bulldogs increased their lead to 42-6 with 8:07 remaining in the final stanza.

Florida marched 60 yards in 11 plays to score its second touchdown of the half, with the touchdown coming on a 3-yard run by Demetrius Henderson. John Kimbri passed to Henderson for the two-point conversion, and with 2:11 left on the clock Florida had cut the Brantley lead to 42-14.

Brantley's Chauncey Burnett added the final score of the night on a 32-yard run with 1:07 remaining, and Rodney Wiley added the extra-point, as the Bulldogs left town with an easy 49-14 win.

Chauncey Burnett was the game's leading rusher with 168 yards on only 8 carries, while Gregory Daniels added 110 yards on 5 fives and Darrell Owens gained 102 yards on 3 tries.

The Wildcats' offense was sparked by Demetrius Henderson with 146 yards on 26 carries.

STATISTICS

B		F
17	1st Downs	13
43-544	Rushes-Yds.	41-225
0	Passing Yds.	49
544	Total Offense	274
0-0-0	Passes	5-13-0
85	Return Yds.	49
1	Fumbles Lost	1
10-88	Penalties-Yds.	3-15
1-28	Punts-Ave.	6-29

Gamecocks tripped up by Raiders

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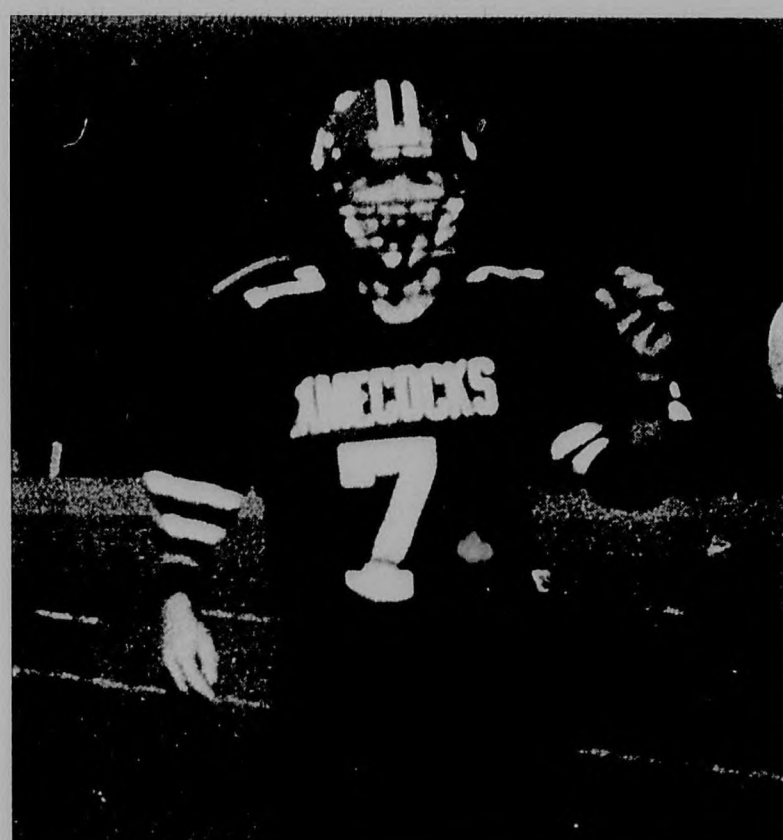
New Brockton saw its long victory drought continue Friday night when the Houston Academy Raiders came to town and left with a 28-14 win over the winless Gamecocks.

The loss left the Gamecocks with an 0-7 record, while Houston Academy upped its record to 3-2 with the win.

Tyler Simmons was again the workhorse for the Gamecocks, as he gained 137 yards on 40 carries and scored a touchdown on a 2-yard plunge.

Houston Academy was led by Derek Green, who rushed for 165 yards and scored touchdowns on runs of 7, 50 and 60 yards. Josh Haisten had an 82-yard punt return for the other Raider touchdown.

The Gamecocks will travel to Slocomb this Friday night looking to grab a Class 2A, Region 2 win from the Red Tops.



New Brockton Gamecock Nathan Rainey (7) looks to the sidelines for instructions during recent action. Rainey and the Gamecocks will travel to Slocomb Friday night to battle the Slocomb Red Tops in a Class 2A, Region 2 match-up. Kickoff for the game is set for 7:30 PM.

Former "Sound of South" band members urged to perform

Former members of Troy State University's "Sound of the South" marching band are invited to perform at the homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 28.

This annual performance of the alumni band will begin with a TSU alumni band officers meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Hawkins Adams Long Hall of Honor. The 10 a.m. meeting at Hawkins Adams Long Hall of Honor welcomes all alumni band members and will be followed by field rehearsal. At 11:30 a.m., the alumni band members will

return to the Hall of Honor for a covered dish lunch. The alumni band will assemble behind the "Sound of the South" marching band at 1:50 p.m. and will participate in the Trojan Walk to Richard

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Kinston Bulldog quarterback Cody Sansom (18) listens to instructions from Bulldog head coach Gary Glass. The Bulldogs will host Northview this week looking to even their record at 4-4.

Kinston record slips to 3-4

Long bullies Bulldogs 41-14

By Clint Cowen, Sports Writer

The Kinston Bulldogs made the long ride over to Skipperville Friday night to battle the high-powered G.W. Long Rebels, and found out quickly that the Rebels had too many offensive weapons to stop, as the Bulldogs came out on the short end of a 41-14 decision.

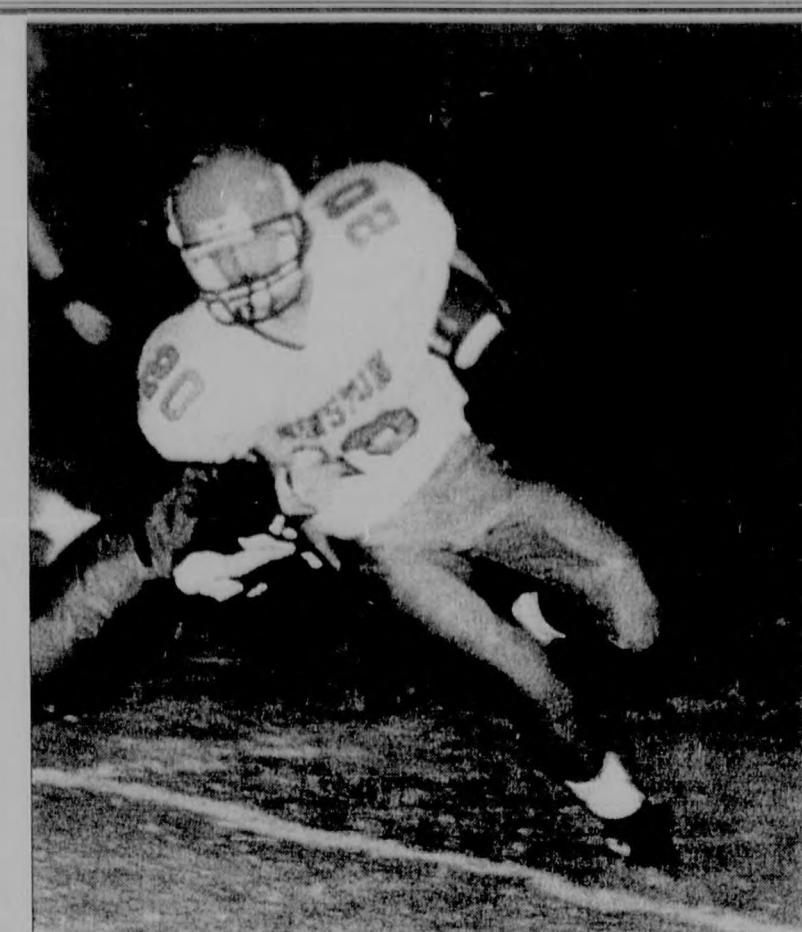
G.W. Long wasted little time taking command as the Rebels scored twice in the opening stanza to grab a 13-0 lead. The first touchdown came on a 1-yard plunge by Eric Long with 6:57 remaining in the opening quarter, while the second score of the quarter came with 2:54 left on the clock, when Ben Woods raced into the endzone from 16 yards out.

Long's lead went to 21-0 with 8:10 remaining in the second quarter on a 6-yard touchdown run by Eric Long and a two-point conversion, and then ballooned to 28-0 with 5:33 left in the half on a 19-yard scoring dash by Lorenzo Williams.

Kinston was down big, but the Bulldogs weren't about the quit, and got on the scoreboard on their ensuing possession to cut into the Rebels' lead. The touchdown came on a 40-yard pass from Cody Sansom to Jim Bedsole, and although the extra-point try failed, the Bulldogs had pulled within 28-6 with 4:39 still left in the second quarter.

Any ideas the Bulldogs had of a comeback win died quickly; however, as G.W. Long's Lorenzo Williams fielded the ensuing kick at the Rebel 14-yardline and raced 86 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 4:23 remaining in the half G.W. Long was back in command with a 34-6 lead.

G.W. Long extended its lead to 41-6 with 4:24 left in the third quarter on a 6-yard touchdown run by Eric Long, while Kinston got on the scoreboard once more, on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Cody Sansom to Tim Whigham with 2:55 left in the final stanza. The Bulldogs converted on a two-point conversion, but it only made the final score a little closer, as the Bulldogs fell 41-14 to G.W. Long.



Kinston's Tim Whigham (20) heads upfield after breaking a tackle in last week's loss to G.W. Long. Whigham caught a touchdown pass for the Bulldogs in the loss.

End season with 2-4 record

Elba Junior Tigers drop finale to Pike County 14-6

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers closed out their season with a 2-4 record last Tuesday night after dropping a hard fought 14-6 decision to the undefeated Pike County Junior Bulldogs in Brundidge.

The Tigers failed to move the chains on their first possession of the night, but the Bulldogs were ready to ramble and needed only three plays to drive 61 yards to take an early lead. The touchdown came on a 26-yard run by Reggie Griffin, while Mix ran in the two-point try, and with 4:26 left in the first quarter Pike County was already on top 6-0.

The Elba offense showed signs of life on its second series as the Tigers marched 42 yards in 11 plays to reach the Pike County 13-yardline. Dwyse Reynolds and

Todd Horstead combined to gain 25 yards on 5 carries during the drive, but the Tigers were forced to come away empty-handed when on fourth down and five, a pass completion from Garrett Bowers to Brandon Kelley came up inches short of the needed yardage.

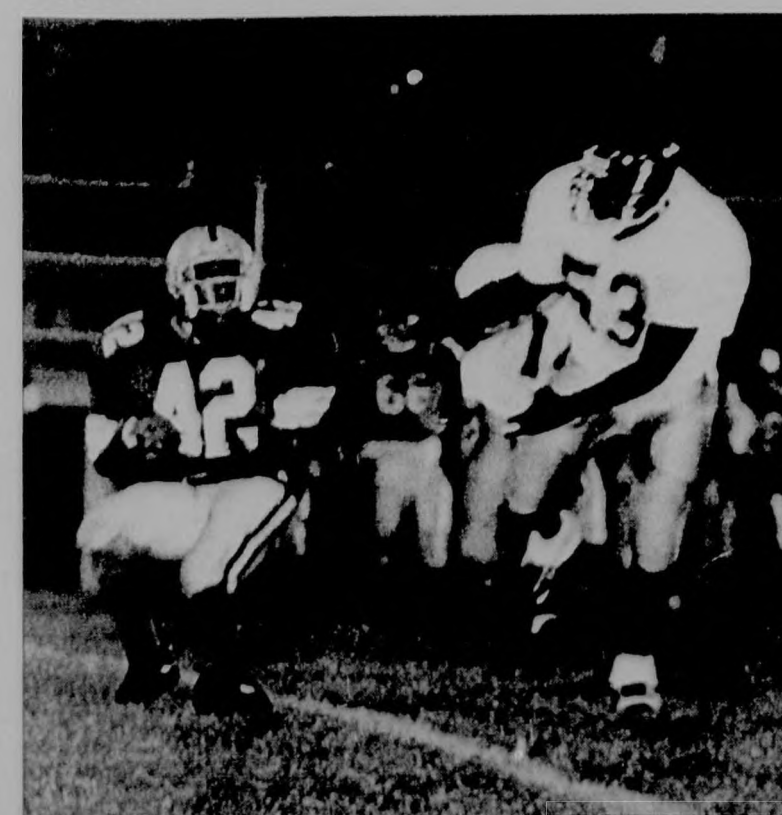
Elba's Dwyse Reynolds recovered a Pike County fumble at the Bulldog 28-yardline only two plays later to put the Tigers back in business, but the Tigers were once again unable to cash in on the scoring opportunity as they turned the ball over on downs at the Bulldog 22.

The Tigers dodged a bullet late in the second quarter when Todd Horstead pounced on a Bulldog fumble at the Elba 6-yardline, and at the half Pike County was still clinging to an 8-0 advantage.

Elba failed to muster any offense



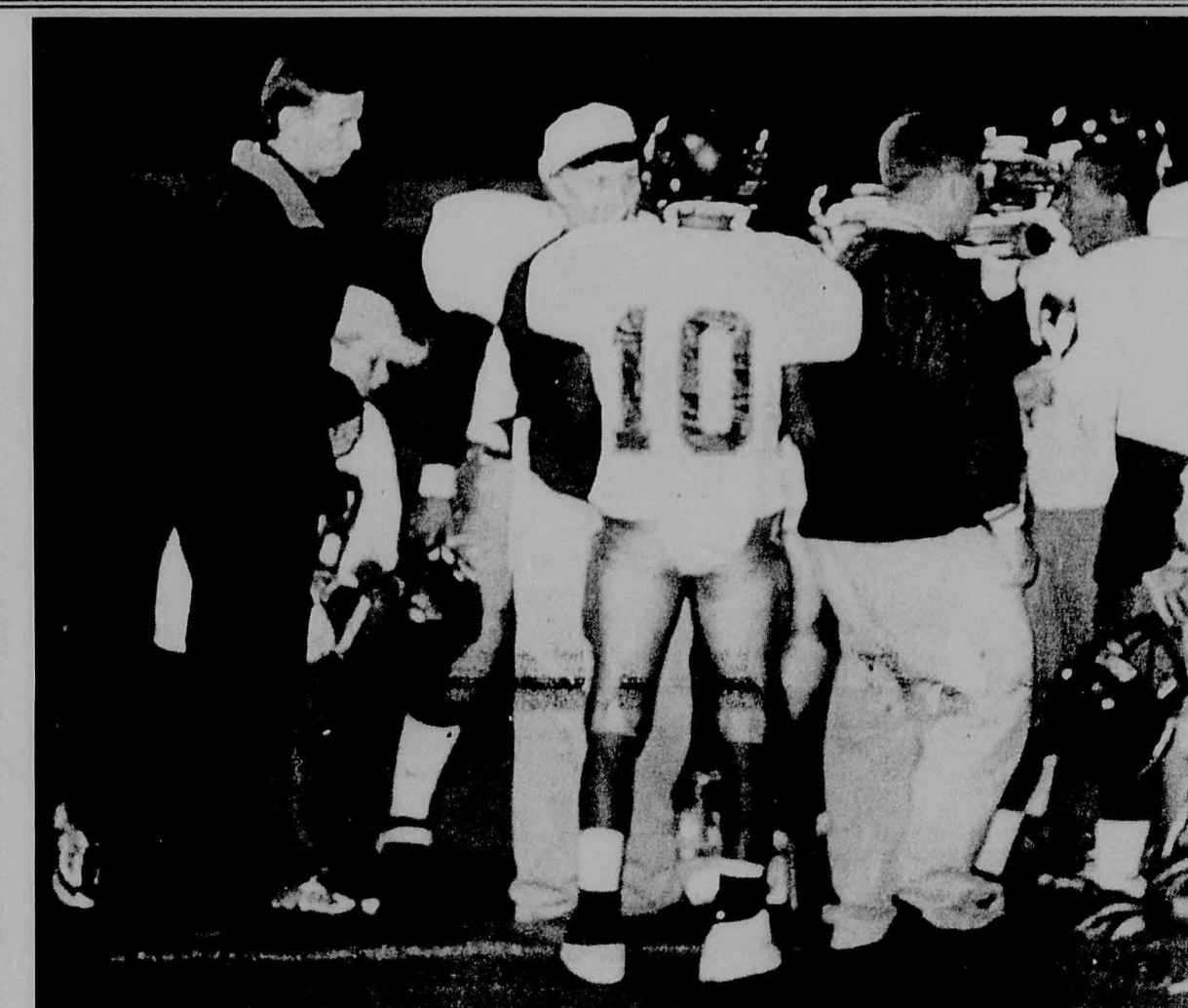
Elba Junior Tiger Ralston Moore (15) steps out of bounds as he tries to get around an official blocking his path down the sidelines.



Elba Junior High tackle Jessie Thigpen (53) drops a Pike County runner for a big loss. Thigpen, only an 8th grader, helped lead the Junior Tigers to a 2-4 season.

Elba's Bradley Bane recovered an on-sides kick try by the Tigers on the ensuing kickoff to put Elba back in business at the Pike County 47-yardline, but the Tigers fell inches short three plays later on fourth down, and Pike County held on to post the exciting 14-6 win.

Todd Horstead gained 91 yards on 18 carries and completed a 26-yard halfback pass for a touchdown to lead the Tigers on offense, while Dwyse Reynolds added 24 yards on 5 carries and caught the 26-yard scoring pass. Reggie Griffin led Pike County with 108 yards and 2 touchdowns on 7 carries.



Elba Junior Tiger Dwyse Reynolds (10) listens as Coach Marty Marler gets his point across during a time-out. Other coaches pictured include Karl Bledsole (left) and Lance McCollough (right).

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LEGAL NOTICE - ACT 2000-4401

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 2000 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama, set out herein as Act No. 2000-4401, and further ordered that such election be held at the next statewide general election in accordance with Amendment 555 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; and

WHEREAS, the next statewide general election will be and occur on Tuesday, November 7, 2000; and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2000-4401 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election, in all newspapers qualified to run legal notices in the State of Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, by the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

On the ballots to be used at the election, the question shall be substantially as follows:

AMENDMENT NUMBER 11

Relating to Lowndes County, proposing an amendment to legalize certain operations of bingo games for prizes/money in the Town of White Hall.

Proposed by Act No. 2000-4401 YES

The language on the proposed amendment as taken directly from the act is set out hereinafter as follows:

Rep. Thomas

SYNOPSIS: Under existing constitutional law, lotteries, gift enterprises, and any schemes in the nature of a lottery are prohibited. Bingo has been established by case law, as prohibited by Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. Specific counties which ratified local constitutional amendments permitting the operation of bingo for certain charitable or educational purposes are removed from the prohibition.

This bill would propose a local constitutional amendment for The Town of White Hall in Lowndes County to permit the operation of bingo by nonprofit organizations for charitable, educational, or other lawful purposes.

A BILL TO BE ENACTED AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Lowndes County, Alabama, and to legalize certain operations of bingo games for prizes or money in the Town of White Hall that is located in Lowndes County, Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of this act are fulfilled:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) The operation of bingo games for prizes or money by nonprofit organizations for charitable, educational, or other lawful purposes shall be legal in the Town of White Hall that is located in Lowndes County, subject to any resolution or ordinance by the town council. The town council shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the licensing and operation of bingo games, within its respective jurisdictions provided, however, the town council shall ensure compliance pursuant to any ordinance and the following provisions:

(1) No person under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to play any game or games of bingo, nor shall any person under the age of 19 years be permitted to conduct or assist in the operation of any game of bingo.

(2) No bingo license shall be issued to any nonprofit organization, unless the organization shall have been in existence for at least two years immediately prior to the issuance of the permit or license.

(3) Bingo games shall be operated only on the premises owned or leased by the nonprofit organization operating the bingo game. If the premises are leased, the rate of rental shall not be based on a percentage of receipts or profits resulting from the operation of bingo games.

(4) No nonprofit organization shall enter into any contract with any individual, firm, association, or corporation to have the individual or entity operate bingo games or concessions on behalf of the nonprofit organization. No nonprofit organization shall pay consulting fees to any individual or entity for any services performed in relation to the operation or conduct of a bingo game.

(5) A nonprofit organization shall not lend its name or allow its identity to be used by another person or entity in the operation or advertising of a bingo game in which the nonprofit organization is not directly and solely operating the bingo game.

(6) Prizes given by any nonprofit organization for the playing of bingo games shall not exceed the cash amount or gifts of equivalent value set by regulations.

(7) No person or organization, by whatever name or composition thereof, shall make any expense for the operation of the bingo game except as permitted by law.

(b) The town council may provide for the implementation of this amendment by the adoption of any resolution or ordinance as provided hereafter.

(c) Any person who violates the regulations provided under the provisions of this amendment shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor upon the first conviction under the amendment and any subsequent violation shall be a Class A misdemeanor.

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the

Constitution of Alabama of 1901, and the election laws of this state.

Section 3. The appropriate election official shall prepare a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

"Relating to The Town of White Hall located in Lowndes County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the operation of bingo games by nonprofit organizations for charitable, educational, and other lawful purposes."

Proposed by Act

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes () No ()"

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 of the State of Alabama, be given by publishing the same once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding Sunday, September 24, 2000, in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in every county in which no newspaper is published, a copy of the notice shall be posted at each courthouse and post office in such county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the City of Montgomery, on the 31st day of July, 2000.

DON SIEGELMAN GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JIM BENNETT SECRETARY OF STATE

LEGAL NOTICE - ACT 2000-4401

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 2000 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the provision of Alabama, on this the 31st day of July, 2000;

WHEREAS, the next statewide general election will be and occur on Tuesday, November 7, 2000; and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2000-4402 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election, in all newspapers qualified to run legal notices in the State of Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, by the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, an election will be held in the manner and form provided by law upon the following amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

On the ballots to be used at the election, the question shall be substantially as follows:

AMENDMENT NUMBER 8

Relating to Fayette County, proposing an amendment to authorize the County Commission to levy additional ad valorem tax for fire protection and rescue squads. Proposed by Act No. 2000-4402 YES () NO ()

The language on the proposed amendment as taken directly from the act is set out hereinafter as follows:

Rep. Thigpen

SYNOPSIS: Under Amendment No. 373 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, counties and municipalities are authorized to levy ad valorem taxes for public purposes.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require the County Commission of Fayette County to levy an additional ad valorem tax in the amount of \$3 mills on each dollar of taxable property to be used for fire protection and rescue squads in Fayette County.

A BILL TO BE ENACTED AN ACT

Relating to Fayette County, proposing a constitutional amendment to require the County Commission of Fayette County to levy an additional ad valorem tax in the amount of \$3 mills on each dollar of taxable property to be used for fire protection and rescue squads in Fayette County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of this act are fulfilled:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) In addition to all other ad valorem taxes levied, the Fayette County Commission shall levy on an annual basis, commencing on the first day of January, 2001, an ad valorem tax on all taxable property located in Fayette County at a rate of 3 mills per dollar of assessed value of the taxable property. All proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to this amendment shall be paid into the Fayette County Revenue Fund and Reserves Fund Account and distributed for fire protection and rescue squads in Fayette County.

(b) Within 30 days of payment into the Fayette County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Fund Account, the county commission shall pay the funds to the Fayette County Fire Fighters Association. The funds shall be divided equally among all eligible volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, collectively, at each quarterly meeting of the association. The county fire fighters association shall establish rules regarding the transfer, investing,

accounting, and handling of the funds to include a written plan to reduce each fire department's ISO rating or to improve the saving ability, or both, before these new taxes are disbursed and spent according to the written plan to better serve the taxpayers and the fire departments.

(c) Funds paid to eligible volunteer fire departments or rescue squads shall only be expended for fire protection and rescue squads, including training, supplies, buildings, capital improvements, and equipment. Funds shall be expended according to a written plan filed by each fire department or squad with the association to reduce ISO ratings or to help improve the department's or squad's saving ability, or both. An eligible volunteer fire department shall maintain a volunteer fire department located in Fayette County that is certified under the guidelines of the Alabama Forestry Commission. Eligible volunteer fire departments shall have at least an ISO class 3 rating.

Volunteer fire departments and rescue squads shall be considered a good standing of the Fayette County Fire Fighters Association. The funds may not be expended for salaries, food, social, or fund-raising activities, but may be used to furnish funds or liquids to prevent heat deprivation or replace bodily fluids. After receiving the funds, the eligible volunteer fire department shall file a form with the county fire fighters association, in which no newspaper is published, a copy of the notice shall be posted at each courthouse and post office in such county.

(d) Upon dissolution or abandonment of any eligible volunteer fire department, any remaining funds shall, after all indebtedness has been satisfied, be transferred to the county fire fighters association.

(e) The personnel of eligible volunteer fire departments and rescue squads shall not be considered as employees, officers, or members of the board of trustees of the county commission and shall not be considered as members of the county commission and shall not be considered as members of the county commission and shall not be considered as members of the county commission.

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Rep. Carothers

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University consists of two members from the congressional district in which the institution is located, one from each of the other congressional districts in the state as they existed on January 1, 1961, the State Superintendent of Education, and the Governor. Members are appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, continue to serve until successors are appointed and qualified, and vacancies are filled by the Governor. The terms of members are 12 years.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the board consist of one member from each of the congressional districts in the state as constituted on January 1, 1961, one member from Lee County, the current State Superintendent of Education, to be subsequently replaced by one at-large member, two other at-large members, all of whom shall reside in the continental United States, and the Governor.

This bill would provide that the initial two at-large trustees would be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the at-large trustees, including the two at-large positions subject to the approval of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint the at-large trustees, including the two at-large positions subject to the approval of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint the at-large trustees, including the two at-large positions subject to the approval of the Senate.

"The appointing committee, by majority vote, shall appoint an individual to the respective position on the board of trustees. The committee shall ensure that appointments are solicited from all constituencies, are inclusive, and reflect the geographic, racial, and economic diversity of the state. A person may not be appointed to the Board of Trustees of Auburn University while serving on the appointing committee."

"A trustee shall hold office for a term of six years, beginning on January 1, 1961, and shall be eligible for re-election for one or more than two full seven-year terms."

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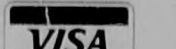
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Community News



HOMEcoming QUEEN CROWNED...Elba High School crowned its 2000 Homecoming Queen last Friday morning during the annual Homecoming Coronation Ceremony held at Tiger Stadium. The queen and her court were honored during the morning's ceremony, and again before the Homecoming football game on Friday night. Each lady was escorted by her father during the festivities. Pictured above is the 2000 Elba High School Homecoming Queen and Court with their escorts. (left to right) From row - Michelle Carpenter, Freshman Attendant; Heather Hays and Samantha Williams, Sophomore Attendants; Carmina Coleman, Homecoming Queen; Rene Wambles, Senior Attendant; and Ronnie English, Junior Attendant. Back row - David Carpenter, Kevin Hays, Steve Williams, Maurice Ellard, Ronnie Wambles and Russ English.

National Mammography Day encourages women to receive annual mammograms

In an effort to bring attention to the most common cancer found among American women, National Mammography Day will be observed Friday, Oct. 20. National Mammography Day encourages women to receive annual mammograms to help detect breast changes that may be cancerous.

Mammography is the most important part of the breast health plan for a woman because the simple, low-dose breast x-rays can detect lumps as small as pinheads,

long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. In fact, when detected and treated in its localized stage, breast cancer is 97 percent curable.

The American Cancer Society hopes women will become more aware of the importance of mammograms and make the potentially lifesaving x-ray a yearly routine. Women are encouraged to receive annual mammograms starting at age 40, along with an annual breast exam by a physician and regular, monthly breast self-examinations.

Local teacher attends national music institute

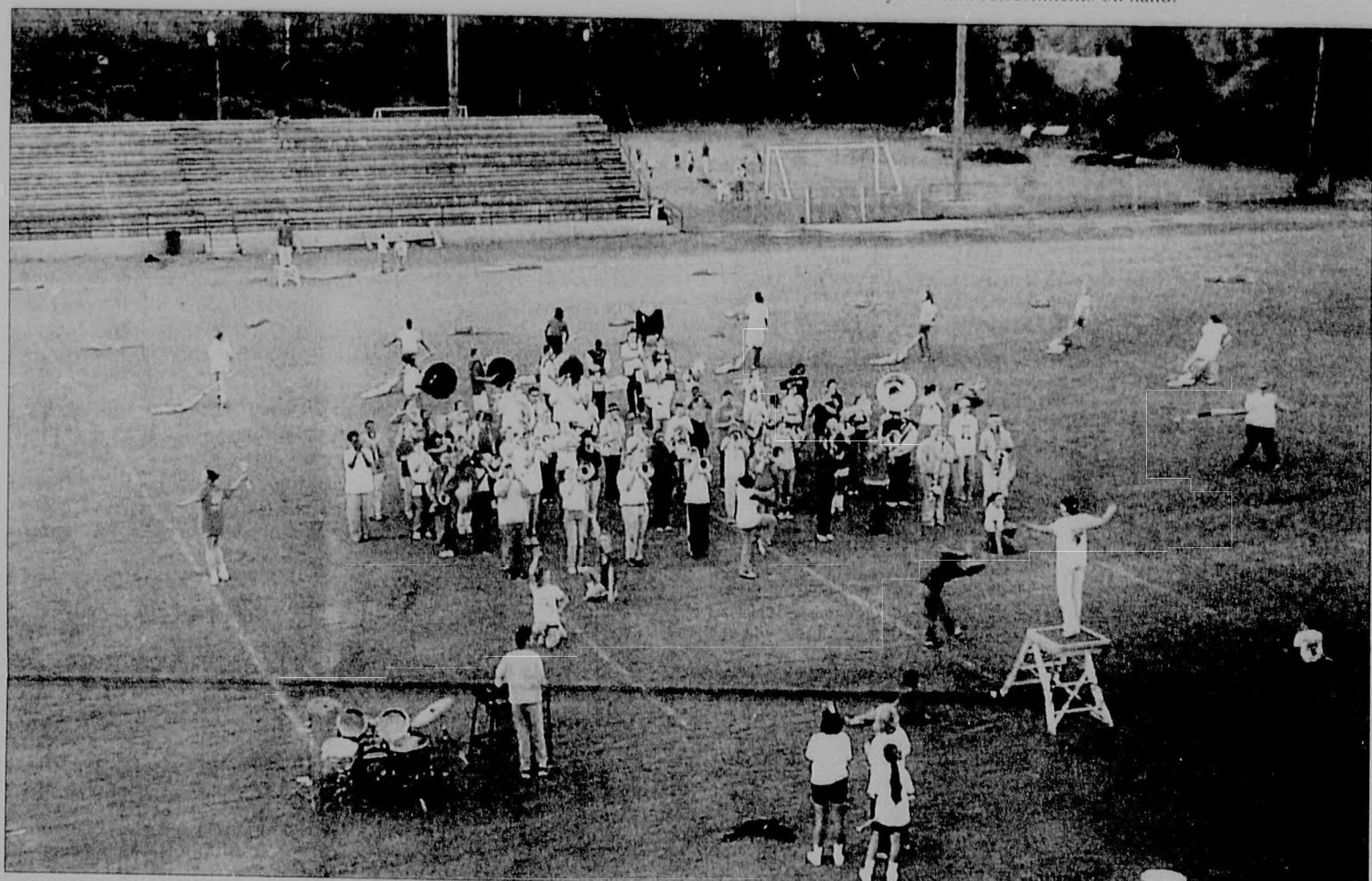
Music teachers, including Tom Maddox from Elba Elementary School, traveled from 50 states and Canada to the Yamaha National Training and Education Center in Grand Rapids, Mich., for a summer session of the Music In Education National Teacher Institute. Over two hundred teachers spent six days in intensive workshops on all aspects of Music In Education, a technology-based general music classroom.

Elba Elementary School purchased a Music In Education (MIE) system and was entitled to send one teacher to the Institute to learn how to use the system. Workshops taught by national consultants for Music In Education covered topics such as curriculum techniques, and software and hardware operations, and installation.

For more information on Music In Education, contact Tom Maddox at Elba Elementary School.



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY...The local office of the Southeast Alabama Gas District participated in the district-wide Customer Appreciation Day on Friday of last week. Pictured above are employees (l-r): Mary McMillan, Belinda Patterson and Tony Veasey as they stood ready to welcome those customers coming by the office located on North Clayton Avenue. They also had refreshments on hand.



BAND RETURNS TO "FOGGY BOTTOM"...As the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band assembled for practice last Thursday evening, things were a bit different for this group of youngsters. They were not at the high school preparing to walk over to Tiger Stadium and practice for Friday's Homecoming festivities. Instead, they were downtown, behind the old high school, preparing to walk onto the field at Elba's "Foggy Bottom" stadium. This was the first time that the band had practiced at the old stadium in several years, and for many of the students, it was the first time they had been on the field. The excitement level was high as they practiced the halftime show, and prepared for the homecoming festivities. And, after practice, the annual Thursday night Homecoming bonfire was held behind the stadium with many Tiger supporters present. All in all, it was the "traditional" way to get things started for this year's homecoming.

Elba Chamber of Commerce to have "Pumpkins on the Square" on Oct. 31

To kick off the holiday season, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will have a "Pumpkins on the Square" celebration on Tuesday evening, Oct. 31, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their store fronts in the Halloween theme, and each merchant will be asked to decorate

pumpkins, which will be judged for a prize. Merchants are also encouraged to dress in costume and pass out candy to children dressed in costumes for "Trick or Treat."

Additionally, the Chamber encourages children to carve pumpkins to be judged for prizes, and to dress in costumes to participate in the Trick or Treat activities hosted by merchants on the square. Judging of pumpkins and costumes will be divided into the following age categories:

Kindergarten - 3rd grade; 4th - 6th grade; 7th - 9th grade; 10th - 12th grade.

The Elba First Baptist Church Youth Group will host carnival activities for the children including helium balloons, face painting, sponge painting, sand art and ring toss. The Chamber also is planning for hay rides around the square.

Merchants are urged to participate in these activities, to allow visitors to become more familiar with their stores and businesses.

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GARBAGE COLLECTION BECOMING PROBLEM

Commission OK's \$5,000 for Family Services

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The topics of discussion varied in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission. Commission members discussed the Family Services Center since its beginning in 1998.

After giving commissioners a brief overview of the accomplishments made by the Family Services Center since its beginning in 1998, Judy Crowley, director of the Center, asked them to reconsider the organization's request of \$5,000.

"We know that what Family Services is doing is the right thing and good thing. We all agree to that," said Ms. Crowley. "What I want you to do this morning is look at Family Services from the standpoint of economic development."

Through the efforts of Family Services and its partners, individuals involved in the program are becoming more productive citizens, thus relieving the economic stress placed on society.

Ms. Crowley told commissioners that the funding request that was denied in earlier budget hearings is needed to provide matching funds for making application for and receiving grants.

"I want you to understand how important your investment is to us," she said. "Not just because it helps to pay the bills, but we are desperately in need of matches for grants - it is not just match money. When our grantors see that our county has confidence in us, it makes a mountain of difference in our grant requests."

After a few minutes of discussion by commissioners which included praise for the Family Services Center, the commission voted unanimously to honor the request.

Turning to dirt roads, Mel Lawson and Eugene Jones, asked commissioners to consider paying Co. Rd. 718. The road is located near the Dale County line.

Lawson expressed concern that he was unable to sell his four-bedroom, three-bath home with a swimming pool because it is located on a dirt road. He told commis-

sioners that his children were all grown and had moved away and he and his wife no longer needed the spacious home.

Mr. Jones said that several years ago, right-of-way deeds were obtained by the county in preparation for widening and paving the road, however, it never came about and the deeds, after twelve months, were invalid.

addressing this problem with Mark Dunning Industries (MDI).

According to the commission's recently negotiated contract with MDI, it is stipulated that garbage in or adjacent to the approved container would be picked up. It further stated that the contractor will leave no spillage or litter on the property where the garbage is being collected.

"If the public will bear with us we're going to correct this if we have to take them to court,"

Ch. Kayo Lewis

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple told the two gentlemen that he had attempted to get the road on the paving list along with the approximately 50 miles of other dirt roads in his district but he had not been successful in doing so thus far. The road in question is between 3/4 and 1 mile in length and has two residences on it.

After several more minutes of rambling discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple promised to continue his efforts - should he remain on the commission - to get the road paved as well as other roads in his district.

Mr. Clyde Norman addressed the commission concerning garbage pick-up service. He referred to a recent incident where he had more garbage/trash than his container would hold. Norman told commissioners that he neatly packaged and stacked the excess trash (mostly broken down pasteboard boxes and bagged packing paper) on and near the full container. When the collectors came by, they pushed the excess garbage/trash to the side and picked up only that in the container.

Commissioners told Norman that he was not the only complaint of this nature that had been received and that they were in the process of

negotiable.

The next commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, in the Community Room at the County Complex in New Brockton. The newly-elected members of the commission will be sworn in at this time.

Little Miss Elba attends pageant



The Little Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant will take place Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Dothan Civic Center. Representing Elba will be Little Miss Elba, Molly Ann McGuire. There are 58 little girls competing for the title of "Little Miss National Peanut Festival." Everyone is encouraged to attend the pageant which will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. Molly is contestant #20.

Standard Time

"Fall Back"

Don't Forget To
 Turn Your Clocks
 BACK One Hour
 Saturday Night

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. The following games are set for Friday, October 27, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Elba Tigers travels to Gulf Shores; Zion Chapel entertains Kinston (Homecoming); New Brockton pays a visit to Samson; and Brantley is at home against Pleasant Home.

EHS COLLEGE DAY. Any parent of a senior at Elba High School is welcome to attend "College Day" from 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. on Thursday (TODAY), Oct. 26, in the commons area of EHS to meet with college representatives. There will be approximately 30 different colleges represented. For additional information contact Lynn Weeks at 897-2266.

ZCES FALL FESTIVAL. Zion Chapel Elementary School will have a Fall Festival on Thursday (TONIGHT), Oct. 26, 5 - 7:30 p.m. The event will feature family activities of fun and games, such as musical chairs, cake walk, go fish, and pictures. All games are 50¢. Also, kings and queens of the festival will be crowned at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Families are encouraged to come out and support the school.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S STORY TIME. Story Time at Elba Public Library - October 31 from 9:00-9:30 a.m. Children up to Grade 6 - wear your costume - come for a ghostly good time.



Pictured above accepting the \$6,000 check from Sen. Jimmy Holley (left) and Rep. Terry Spicer (right) is Commissioner Linda Westbrook. Looking on are (l-r): Ralph Bradley, Dale Moseley, and Cliff Ohlenburger.

County water authority receives \$6,000

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Water Authority was the recipient of a \$6,000 grant from the State of Alabama Monday afternoon.

State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer delivered the check in person to representatives of the authority at the Zion Chapel High School. On hand to accept the check on behalf of the authority were Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook and three members of the authority: Dale Moseley, Ralph Bradley and Cliff Ohlenburger.

These funds will be used by the authority to pay for advertisement, printing and travel costs related to completion of a survey for a \$6 million loan to connect the county-wide water system.

The purpose of the countywide system is to first and foremost provide and insure a source for steady, safe drinking water for all county residents. A secondary benefit of the countywide system will be to give added fire protection for rural residents.

There is a sign-up meeting set for Thursday (TODAY), October 26, starting at 6 p.m. at the Leverett Masonic Lodge located at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87 and Co. Rd. 636 in the Fairview Community. There will be other sign-up meetings held in other areas of the county in the near future.

These meetings are being held for the purpose of allowing only those rural residents who do not presently have access to public water to sign up. The cost to do so is \$25, which is refundable should the project not be completed.

A total of 690 residents are need to sign up in order to secure the funding for the much needed project. The six million dollars that has been set aside for this project is a combination of a Federal Rural Development loan and grant.

taken into custody by the Department of Human Resources and is presently being cared for by relatives. She has been examined for signs of abuse but test results have not been released.

District Attorney Fuller said he opted to charge Wilkerson with first degree domestic violence - a Class A felony charge just signed into law on August 1, 2000 - instead of attempted murder because it carries a minimum sentence that exceeds that of attempted murder. This is the first case of domestic violence that has been brought in the 12th

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NEWS BRIEF

A joint effort by the 12th Judicial task Force and the Elba Police Department has resulted in 62 indictments by the grand jury for the selling of drugs to include cocaine, meth, marijuana, and prescription drugs. A few of the cases have been on-going investigations for almost a year. This is one of the largest case loads involving drugs that has been handed down in several years. "This effort took a tremendous amount of work, cooperation and dedication from street officers to help put an end to drug trafficking and selling in our community and county," said Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth. Local law enforcement officers are presently in the process of serving the indictments.